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THIRTY DOLLARS
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THE
YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP 12,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED 12,000,000
RESERVE FUND 7,500,000

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THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
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HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "
S. CHOW, Agent.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1899. [382]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$1,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1899. [39]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per
cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000
Paid up Capital \$324,374.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
Board of Directors:
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. D. Gillies, Esq.
Chow Tung Shang, Esq. J. T. Lauts, Esq.
Chief Manager: GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [18]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS \$800,000
RESERVE FUND \$500,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" 6 " 3 " 3 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong. [31]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.
Shanghai Taels.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$1,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.
Branches and Agencies:
CANTON. PEKING.
CHEFOO. SINGAPORE.
CHINKIANG. SWATOW.
FOOCHOW. TIENSIN.
HANKOW.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection
Bills of Exchange drawn on the above
places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Trans-
fers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
1% per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months
" 6 " 3 " 3 "

E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1899. [1347]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS
SHANGHAI ... *Masilia* ... C. Gadd About 23rd Dec. Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c. ... *Coromandel* & F. W. Vibert, R.N.R. ... Noon, 23rd Dec. Freight or Passage.
JAPAN *Rohilla* ... S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R. ... Daylight, 24th Dec. Freight or Passage.
LONDON *Socotra* ... T. H. Hide, R.N.R. ... About 28th Dec. Freight only.
(See Special Advertisement) (Passing through the Inland Sea).
† *VIA MARSEILLES.*

For further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1899. [5]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIc PORTS;
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON,
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;

Steamers will call at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS SAILING DATES
PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY, 27th December.
PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY, 10th January.
KARLSRUHE WEDNESDAY, 24th January.
SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 7th February.
OLDENBURG WEDNESDAY, 21st February.
BAVERN WEDNESDAY, 7th March.
STUTTGART WEDNESDAY, 21st March.
KONIG ALBERT WEDNESDAY, 4th April.
WEIMAR WEDNESDAY, 8th April.
PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY, 2nd May.
HAMBURG, (Hamburg Amerika Line) WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY, 30th May.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of December, 1899, at NOON, the Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain H. Supper, with MAiLS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 25th December, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 26th December, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 26th December, Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipt will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1394a]

NEW ROOMS
At Hodges Daily Bazar.

HONGKONG
HOTEL.

PHONOGRAHS.

THE NEW HOME PHONOGRAPH
(GENUINE EDISON) WITH FITTINGS.
PRICE \$800.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. [1394b]

A MERRY XMAS
is accentuated by an Exchange of Seasonable Gifts.

WE ARE NOW SHOWING A CHOICE AND NOVEL COLLECTION OF
TOYS AND FANCY GOODS.

SUITABLE PRESENTS FOR ALL AGES.

W. POWELL & CO.,
Immediately Opposite P.O., 1st Floor.

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Intimations.

SALES

ACCELERATED by Competition and POPULARITY.

DAILY INCREASING

ON ACCOUNT OF

UNIFORM QUALITY,

AND

PERMANENCY

OF RESULTS.

TERMS FROM

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Sole Consignees,

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UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL
AGENCY, LIMITED.

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HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

FOR THE

UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LTD., LONDON,

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MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS SKINNER.

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DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Managers.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, TO-MORROW, MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 23rd, 25th and 26th instant, and on MONDAY, the 1st January, 1900, respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,

Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, E. BERINDOAGUE,

Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, H. CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, S. CHOW,

Agent.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1355a]

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, TO-MORROW, MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 23rd, 25th and 26th instant, and on MONDAY, the 1st January, 1900.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

General Manager.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

DOUGLAS JONES, Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

W. H. PERCIVAL, Agent.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.

A. S. GARFITT, Acting Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

To-day's
Advertisements.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by PUBLIC
AUCTION,
TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY), the 23rd December, 1899, a/c,
at his Sales Rooms, Zetland Street, No. 2,
Nos. 1-200, at 11.00 A.M.,
Nos. 201-500, at 2.30 P.M.,

AN INVOICE OF

TOYS, DOLLS and FANCY GOODS.

Comprising—

DOLLS, MECHANICAL TOYS, SWINGS,
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TERNS, SWORDS, GUNS, WHIPS,
STEAMBOATS, LOCOMOTIVES, STEAM
Engines, &c., &c.

ALSO:

Ladies and Gents' TRAVELLING BAGS,
PURSES, FEATHER FANS, &c., &c.
A Fine Chance for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!!!

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

PAUL BREWITT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1589a]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,

FRIDAY, the 29th December, 1899,

at 2.45 P.M.

At No. 9, Queen's Garden, Peak Road.
(The Residence of G. C. COX, Esq.)

THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising—

SILK TAPESTRY & PLUSH COVERED
DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAK OVER-
MANTELS, CHIFFONIER, JAPANESE
CABINETS, CANTON BLACKWOOD
TABLES AND STOOLS, CARPETS, RUGS,
AND LACE CURTAINS, &c., &c.

TEAK SIDEBOARD WITH MIRROR,
DINNED WAGGONS, DINING TABLE
AND CHAIRS, OIL-PAINTINGS, FINE
ENGRAVINGS, ORNAMENTS, GLASS
AND CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, GAS
FITTINGS, &c., &c.

Double and Single BRASS MOUNTED
BEDSTEADS, TEAK WARDROBE WITH
MIRROR, DUCHESS TOILET TABLE,
MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, TOILET
SETS, CHEST OF DRAWERS, CHAIRS,
TABLES, FENDERS & COALSUTTLES,
&c., &c., &c.

COOKING RANGE AND UTENSILS,
TENNIS NET and POLES, 1 Lot
WIRE NETTING.

ALSO:

1 COTTAGE PIANO by RACHALS (in good
condition).

On View from THURSDAY, the 28th Dec.
TERMS.—As customary.
Catalogues will be issued.

GEO. A. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1593a]

To-day's
Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PEARSON CUP AND SPOONS.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 23rd
instant, at 2.45 P.M.

Ranges—200, 500 and 600 yards.

MOWBRY S. NORTHCOTE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1595a]

WANTED.

TWO GENTLEMEN in the country desire
at once a CHINESE TEACHER for
the CANTONSE DIALECT.

Replies stating Salary expected to be ad-
dressed to

"O.A.L."

Care of This Paper.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1592a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 24th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1590a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PATROCLUS,"

Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant.

For Freight apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1592a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, CEBU AND ILIOILO.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG,"

Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 28th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1591a]

Intimation.



A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS

S H E R R I E S .

Per Doz.
Case.

B.—SUPERIOR PALE DRY,

dinner wine, Green Seal
Capsule \$10.80

C.—MANZANILLA, PALE,
NATURAL SHERRY, White
Capsule 12.00

CC.—SUPERIOR OLD DRY,
PALE NATURAL SHERRY, Red
Seal Capsule 12.00

D.—VERY SUPERIOR OLD
PALE DRY, choice old wine,
White Seal Capsule 14.40

E.—EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD
PALE DRY, very finest quality,
Black Seal Capsule (Old
Bottled) 20.40

B, C, and CC are excellent dinner
Wines and suitable for invalids and
delicate stomachs. D and E are
after-dinner Wines of a very superior
vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities
will be supplied at proportionate
wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and
Spirits to be genuine when bought
direct from us in the Colony or from
our authorised Agents at the Coast
Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Legislative Council met yesterday and
got through its programme in its usual listless fashion.

The Acting Attorney General languidly moved, and the Colonial Treasurer
only pengone in the assembly who did not
look as if he were at a funeral, laid a paper
or two on the table and interposed a cheery
remark or two during the course of the
afternoon. His Excellency the Governor,
in reply to Dr. Ho Kai, gave an explanation,
about which we shall have something to say
later on, in his customary doleful fashion.

The news from the Cape has been, perhaps,
too much for him. The rest of the Official
Automata said "aye" when the wires were
pulled but in the intervals sat like dummies
they are not showing even by their faces,
that they took the faintest interest in what
was going on. Mr. WHITEHEAD was absent.

Mr. CHATER reserved any remarks he had
to make for the next meeting of the Execu-
tive Council, his appointment to which has
utterly destroyed his utility as a representa-

tive man in the more popular assemblies. His
constituents should call on him to resign.
He has gone over in all things to the
Government.

A Bill to amend the Companies Ordinance
was read a second time. It re-enacts in this
Colony the provisions of a recent Imperial
Act, empowering the Courts to protect share-
holders from the consequences of any failure
to duly register agreements authorizing the
issue of fully paid up shares in companies for
the best marine lots. The provision that deprives
Pier owners of their right to claim compen-
sation for disturbance and leaves them at
the mercy of the Governor, for the time
being, is unjust, is unnecessary and is only
another illustration of the tendency in the
Colonial Office and its subordinates to
govern the Crown Colonies as if they were
portions of the Russian Empire and not
of free England. The residents in
Crown Colonies are, in many respects, as
badly treated as the Uitlanders in the Trans-
vaal. Sic vole, Si jubeo. Stat ratione
voluntas.

The next Bill laid before the Council for
its second reading—An Ordinance to provide
for the summoning of Chinese before the
Registrar General—is a most unconstitutional
extension of the powers of the Govern-
ment and will, if passed, become in the
hands of our zealous—we won't say unscrupu-
lous—officials a most dangerous instrument
for the oppression of the Chinese. It
authorizes the Registrar General to summon
before him any Chinese—British subjects or
native born—whom he may think fit and to
compel them to come before him, and to
give him any information he may require, on
any subject with reference to which he may
be directed by the Governor to make
enquiry. It vests in the Registrar General
all the powers of the Supreme Court,
including the power to punish summarily for
perjury, or for refusal to answer, or to produce
books or papers. Dr. Ho Kai saw some of
the dangers to which the Chinese became
exposed if such a Bill became law, and op-
posed it as a piece of class legislation and in
its very nature unconstitutional; he asked
for a period of limitation to be inserted in
the Bill and that the Governor should pro-
mise that it shall be worked with every care
and consideration. The Governor assented
to all Dr. Ho Kai's remarks but went on to
explain the reasons which had induced the
Government to frame and introduce the Bill.
If the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai had spoken after
the Governor instead of before him he would
have taken a very different tone.

It appeared from the Governor's ex-
planation that the Government want the
land in the New Territory registered, but the
people do not come in freely to re-
gister. The Government wanted to ex-
plain to the Chinese farmers why their
land should be registered and the advantages
of registration and as the only way to
get the information to the people the elders
were summoned to attend the Registrar General
and listen to his disquisitions on the
subject. They would not come. The people
would not come in and register. The law is
not a law to compel them to register under
penalty. They have not been asked for in-
formation and therefore have not refused to
give it. They were invited in to have in-
formation given to them, not to furnish it,
and their refusal to listen to the classical
Chinese of the Registrar General is to be
punished by his being invested with the
most extensive inquisitorial powers ever
conferred on any individual and not
possessed by the Supreme Court. In view
of the approaching appointment of a
special Land Court for the New Territory—an
extremely crude and ill-considered measure
at the best—and in view of the statements of
His Excellency yesterday on the subject, this
Bill ought to be opposed tooth and nail, by
every lover of justice and fair play. It will
assuredly be used by the Government in aid
of their proceedings in the Land Court and
to enable them to obtain a discovery of
titles and documents which no Court would
give them without ordinary safeguards, which
any properly constituted Court would afford.

The Council spent the last hour of the sittings
over the Arms Bill. Mr. BELLIOS moved
that the Bill be referred to the Committee on
the Colonies. Dr. Ho Kai seconded the
motion, which was carried. The worthy
Doctor confined himself to his duty as
second, saying nothing about the Bill on
its merits. Mr. BELLIOS entreated the
Government to withdraw the Bill entirely, as being
not only unnecessary but mischievous, but he
failed when the time came to move the
rejection of the Bill and to challenge a
division on the subject. Mr. FRANCIS, Q.C.,
was then heard by the Council against the
Bill, but he did not oppose legislation on
the subject in its entirety. He simply urged
that proper restrictions upon the carriage
and sale of arms in the Colony were
reasonable and necessary, needless restrictions
on the export and import were injurious
to trade, subversive of the interests of
the Colony and unauthorized by any law or
precedent in England. The Bill was therefore
read a second time, but will be largely
amended in Committee.

Certain correspondence, relating to the
Volunteers and to their services in the New
Territory was laid on the table by the Colonial
Secretary and the Governor did NOT
avail himself of the opportunity to apologise
for, or to explain his failure to report to the
Secretary of State till September last the
services rendered to the Government in April
by the Volunteers. We cannot think that
it was forgetfulness. We remember recording
that the time, that the local Authorities
were doing their very best to minimise
in their reports home, the serious nature
of the events occurring on the mainland
and to cover, as far as possible, the blunders of the High Commissioner.
Mr. LOCKHART. Probably he himself would
have admitted that he was entirely
ignorant of the situation, and that to his want of insight the greater
portion of the subsequent trouble was due.

The plot of the comedy hinges on the amour
of Talford Twigg with Rosa Matilda McTurle
which meets with the approval of Mrs. McTurle,
but that lady, who is a very keen upholder of
women's rights and seldom appears without a
lengthy petition for which she desires the
signature of the populace in general, does not
like the play. She has invested in a lucrative business.
The furtherance of this desire brings her in communication
with Mr. Powneby, a solicitor, in whose
business she desires Talford Twigg to invest
the one thousand pound. This gentleman is
perfectly willing to invest the capital,
but there is one thing needful, and that is
the needful. It so happens however that the gay
Major, Mrs. Twigg's spouse, has engaged in a
flirtation with Topsy Grey who is in conjuction
with Percy Almainer, with an apostrophe
—don't-cher-know—engaged to play in a
comedy, which it so happens had been written by
Talford called "The mother-in-law" and that
much maligned lady was modeled from this

Mrs. Mac Turle who was now about to be
the own mother-in-law. This comedy
was written in former days, before the probability
of such an eventually had arisen, and the
day when the plot is opened Talford has just
received information that this play is to be
staged and during the absence of Mrs. Mac
Turle, with whom he is residing, is called upon
by the manager of the "Fris" who has accepted
the piece, two members of the Topsy and
Percy, and Mr. Powneby, the solicitor, who it

appears in addition to being the solicitor who
has a vacant partnership, has been entreated
by Topsy with a suit against Major Mac Turle
for breach of promise, and at the same time is
an old friend of Talford. Whilst the latter
is explaining the impossibility of allowing
his name to be published as the author of the
piece, Mrs. Mac Turle returns, and
Powneby, taken by surprise, introduces all of those present as his relations.
This causes a number of most absurd situations
which are most laughably represented by the
impostors and leads up to a final scene
on the night of the production of the comedy
when a grand denouement exposes and at the
same time clears up all mistakes and insures
the happy consummation of all troubles in the
final "bless thee my children."

The following is the cast of characters—

THE "MOTHER-IN-LAW."

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1899.

of the world a much pleasanter place than it will otherwise prove to be. Above all you should remember that this world is but the preparation for the life that comes hereafter.

Dr. Bateson Wright called for three cheers for Mrs. Tucher and proposed that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Goudman and Sergeant Wilson, which was accorded.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney-General—in moving the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873 said—Honourable members will see the object of clause 2 of this Bill is to include, in the definition of dangerous goods, certain goods which are not specified in section 5 of Ordinance 8 of 1873, which it seems desirable to treat as dangerous goods. Since this Bill has been before the Council certain suggestions have been made by the Chamber of Commerce with reference to the definition of dangerous goods contained in this Bill, and in consequence of these suggestions I propose to move certain amendments to clause 2 of this Bill in Committee. Those amendments have been circulated to honourable members, and I think they will meet with the views of the Chamber of Commerce. With regard to clause 3 of the Bill the object of that clause is to except lubricating oils and high test petroleum or petroleum fuel from the operation of sections 9, 10, 14, 15, and 16 of Ordinance 8 of 1873, and from the operation of any bye-laws, etc., relating to the movement or storage of dangerous goods which have been heretofore made, and from any bye-laws relating to dangerous goods which may hereafter be made, unless such special classes of goods are expressly mentioned in such bye-laws, etc. By that means such special classes of dangerous goods will be exempted from the severe tests which have been hitherto applicable to them in common with all other dangerous goods. At the same time, however, it appears desirable, looking to dangers which might arise from the mixing of low flash oil with the high test oil, to retain the power of making bye-laws for the movement of, and conditions for, the storage of such special classes of goods, instead of exempting them altogether from all the liabilities attaching to dangerous goods." As honourable members will see from the amendments which have been circulated, I shall have a few verbal amendments to suggest to clause 3 of the Bill in committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Carried.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and the following amendments on the motion of the Acting Attorney General were adopted.

In the seventh line of clause 2 of the Bill, the words "other than safety fuses" be inserted after the word "fuses."

In the ninth line of clause 2 of the Bill, the words "other than percussion caps of priming caps or empty sporting cases" be inserted after the words "ammunition of all descriptions."

In the fourteenth line of clause 3 of the Bill, the words "Ordinance 8 of 1873 or Ordinance 8 of 1892" be substituted in place of the words "any Ordinance."

That a new clause be added to the Bill, to be numbered clause 4, and that such new clause run as follows:—"The provisions of section 11 of Ordinance 8 of 1873 shall not apply to any goods the storage of which is provided for by any other Ordinance."

The Acting Attorney-General.—The object of the new clause is to make the provisions of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance with regard to storage not apply to goods, the storage of which is specially provided for by other Ordinances. I may mention that in the Merchant Shipping Ordinance there is a special provision made for the storage of goods which would come under the term dangerous goods, and I do not propose by this Bill to interfere with these special provisions, and that is the reason why I propose that clause 4 be included in the Bill.

The Bill as amended was passed through committee and the Council resumed.

SUMMONING OF CHINESE BEFORE THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL

The Acting Attorney-General—I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the summoning of Chinese before the Registrar-General. This Bill is for the summoning of Chinese before the Registrar-General to give information regarding any matter in which the Registrar-General is directed by the Governor to enquire. The reason for this Bill is that it is necessary that the Registrar-General should have power to summon before him any Chinese who he desires to question upon any matter of importance connected with the New Territories and affecting the Chinese. At present there is no power for the Registrar-General to compel the appearance before him of Chinese, and it is very desirable that he should have such power.

I may mention Sir, that this Bill is framed upon similar lines to certain laws which are in operation in the Malay States. I understand from the Registrar-General that it is necessary that he should have this power to summon Chinese before him, and that it would very much facilitate the government of the New Territories if such a measure as this is passed. The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai—I do not intend to offer a strong opposition to the second reading of the Bill, but at the same time, Sir, I would wish to remind the Council that a Bill of this nature confers a very great power upon an official of the Government—a power which, in some respects, is not possessed even by His Excellency the Governor or by the Chief Justice. As the Bill, we have before us, contains certain provisions expressly affecting the Chinese and the Chinese alone, whether a British subject or otherwise, and this makes the Bill very much more objectionable—it may be considered as class legislation, and as a general rule the Legislature regard such legislation with a great deal of care and suspicion. In the present instance, I must say that, in dealing with the affairs of the New Territory, it may be necessary for the Registrar-General to possess such power in order effectively to carry out his functions, and for that reason I and my honourable colleague who represents me the Chinese have thought it wise not to offer any strong opposition. Of course we are quite prepared to sacrifice a good deal of liberty with the object of helping the Government to carry out their policy for the good of the Chinese inhabitants of the New Territory; but at the same time I would ask Your Excellency to give instructions if this Ordinance be passed that tact and discretion should be exercised. Otherwise the Chinese will suffer a great deal, and in the case of any abuse of power I hope Your Excellency will give instructions that speedy redress shall be given. On a former occasion when a law was passed for the inspection of houses, the Governor at the time (Sir William Robinson) gave the Council his word that such powers would be exercised with a great deal of tact and discretion, and that in the case of any abuse of such power he would at once direct a strict enquiry. I wish the Council also to consider whether a measure of this kind should be allowed to continue for a very long time. I think it will meet the circumstances of the case if this Ordinance is allowed to be in operation

for 12 months or a definite period, and at the end of that period, it may be renewed from year to year if considered necessary. Of course the New Territory in its present condition requires special legislation, but by and by when it has become advanced and enlightened and populous like Hongkong I see no reason why it should not be brought under the same laws as Hongkong. We have at present measures which are renewed every year, and in this case in committee I shall move that a clause be inserted limiting the operation of the measure to 12 months, at the end of which time it may be renewed if necessary.

The Hon. Wai A Yuk supported the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai in the views he had expressed.

His Excellency the Governor—I think the observations of the honourable members who have just spoken are very much to the point, and I think it is only right that not alone the Council, but that the Chinese people in the New Territory, should have some idea why this Bill is introduced by the Government at the present time. The condition of the New Territory is peculiar. The Chinese do not understand our ways, and we desire—I desire most heartily—to interfere with the Chinese and their customs as little as possible, but it is absolutely necessary that the law in the New Territory should be registered. Of course all members of the Council know that in the interests of the Chinese themselves it should be registered; but for some reason, probably some suspicion which I hope will be removed in the course of time, the Chinese have not been for some time as anxious to register their land as they might be, and for a considerable time we have found great difficulty in getting the Chinese to come forward and give any information about their land or about registration. It then became necessary to approach the Chinese through their elders, their leaders, for the purpose of explaining why it was necessary that land should be registered. However, on more than one occasion when these Chinese elders had been invited to come in they gave no attention whatever to the invitation. Such conduct under Chinese jurisdiction—refusing when invited by a high official to come in and assist him and give him information—would not have been tolerated for an instant. We do not propose to take the stringent measures which would have been taken had the people remained under Chinese jurisdiction, but we do wish to compel their attendance and to inflict a small fine in case they disobey the summons. As to the observations of the honourable gentleman with reference to the supervision, so to speak, of the exercise of this power, the honourable member will see from the second clause that "The Governor may at any time direct the Registrar-General to enquire into and report as to any matter which is connected with the New Territories as defined by section 2 of Ordinance No. 12 of 1890, if such matter exclusively concerns persons of Chinese race, whether British subjects or otherwise." The Registrar-General will only summon Chinese to come before him in certain cases into which he is directed by the Governor to enquire. Therefore, in no case can there be any action whatever without the direction of the Governor, and I think the honourable member will accept my assurance that the Ordinance will be carried out with every consideration for the Chinese and with every anxiety on the part of the Government that we shall never be forced to bring the provisions of the Ordinance into operation at all. I think that when it is known that we have power to compel the attendance of these people, who do not up to the present appear anxious to come forward the Chinese will yield gracefully to the necessity and come in when invited without our having to resort to this power. With reference to the suggestion of the honourable member that this Bill should have a "duration clause, I think it is a very fair suggestion. I shall have no objection whatever to it, and I hope that in a short time the necessity for any such Ordinance as this will disappear.

The Council then adjourned until Thursday next.

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The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai—I beg to second the suggestion of the honourable member who has said down that counsel be heard on behalf of the arms dealers who have presented the petition to this Council, in accordance with section 52 of the Standing Rule and Orders. The motion was carried.

Mr. Francis then spoke at some length on the injury which such a Bill would do to the trade in arms which is carried on in this Colony, pointing out very forcibly that the fact of a few individuals making a misuse of the privileges of trade did not in any way make it a reasonable or just action on the part of the government to inflict stringent restrictions on the respectable tradesmen and dealers in this Colony, and to do so would be to do really no good as far as the protection of trade was concerned but would simply drive trade to Macao and other parts of China where no such stringent regulations were imposed.

The second reading of the Bill was afterwards carried.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney-General—I now propose the third reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Merchant Shipping, the duties of the Harbour Master, the control and management of the waters of the Colony and the regulation of vessels navigating the same.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Council then adjourned until Thursday next.

MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council meeting, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

The Chairman said—I have one minute only to bring before the committee, and that is one in which the Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of \$250 in aid of the vote "Maintenance of Gardens." The Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department says that an expense of \$73.33 has been incurred in sending materials to England in connection with the Malaria Commission. He has been making enquiries in connection with the mosquitoes; which are supposed to be connected with the spread of malaria, and he has incurred this expense on that account, and also a sum of \$17.67, which is the cost of making a kitchen garden at Government House. Carried.

This was all the business.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

This morning at the Magistracy, before Mr. Gompertz, Cheung Tsun was charged with being in possession of 5 muskets, 5 cannons and 2 spears without having a licence from His Excellency the Governor. He was sentenced to pay \$100 fine or go to prison for three months; he chose the latter alternative.

Mr. John Coyle was riding on his bicycle along the Queen's Road, recently and when passing the Hongkong Hotel a coolie with a rickshaw rushed across the road in front of the cyclist with the consequence that they collided and damage estimated at \$30, was done to the bicycle. Mr. Coyle obtained a summons against the coolie and, it being proved to-day that he was to blame, Mr. Gompertz awarded \$30 to Mr. Coyle.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG RUGBY F. C. & OFFICERS OF H. M. S. "BARFLEUR."

This match was played on the Club ground, at the Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. Admiral Fitzgerald was present and was most enthusiastic about the play of his officers. A fair large crowd witnessed the game.

The Navy defended the Pavilion end, kicking off with a long kick down the field. From the outset the *Barfleurs* pressed the Club and made matters very lively for them for sometime. Morell working like a Trojan, ably seconded by Rutherford relieved the pressure of some good dribbling and a long kick up the field. With short runs and kicks into touch, the *Barfleurs* worked the ball back and after some hard scrums on the Club goal line, Gibbs got the ball, passing to his three quarters, who in turn passed to Thompson, who made a splendid break through the Club, touching down just over the line. Dix took the kick but failed to convert, owing to the angle. Everything was in the *Barfleurs* favour for the whole of the first half, the two half backs doing good work behind the scrum. Crozier at three quarters was playing well and from a lot of severe scrumming in the Club's 25 Gibbs got the ball and touched down, right between the goal posts. It was a beautiful run and was much applauded. This was converted. The Club's chances were pretty dim, when just before half time, from a splendid passing, Crozier got the ball and made a dash through, touching down by the goal post. This was not converted, the ball bounding off the upright. The whistle blew after the kick with the score 1-0.

H. M. S. *Barfleur* 11 pts. to H. F. C. N. H. On returning the Club rallied wonderfully and all the play was in the *Barfleur* quarters. The Club forwards worked hard, but were badly backed by their three-quarters, except Hancock, who was always on the spot. The *Barfleurs* seemed to be fagged out, but gamely held their own for some considerable time. Gibbs was doing grand work as also was Crozier. The play was backwards and forwards across the centre line for some time, neither side gaining. In the scrum all the best play took place. Lieut. Vyvyan got away again but, when it came to pass, no one was behind him. Slowly but surely the Club worked their way down into the *Barfleur* 25 and from some good passing Hancock made a fine run, touching down behind the sticks. He afterwards converted it. The *Barfleur* bucked up for a bit and took the play into the Club 25, but the Club gained foot by foot and again Hancock went away with the ball, touching down a second time. This was not converted and the whistle blew at the close of a very interesting game with the score 1-0.

H. M. S. *Barfleur* (2 tries 1 goal) 11 pts. to H. F. C. N. H.

For the *Barfleur*'s, Crozier, the half back did splendidly. The three-quarters passed well and only seemed to be there to feed Crozier in the scrum. Dix, Carmabe and one, who we heard called by the affectionate name of "Padre," were conspicuous all through.

The Hon. E. R. Bellios—No, sir, I am coming to the point. The consequence is sheer loss to a great number of the poor inhabitants of this of the world a much pleasanter place than it will otherwise prove to be. Above all you should remember that this world is but the preparation for the life that comes hereafter.

Dr. Bateson Wright called for three cheers for Mrs. Tucher and proposed that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Goudman and Sergeant Wilson, which was accorded.

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Brown.

Three-quarter backs.

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Half-backs.

J. Ratt.

Owens.

Three-quarter backs.

H. Green, Bruton, A. Green, A. Beattie.

Back.

Johnston.

H. K. F. C.

Referee—A. N. Other.

W. Wilson.

Gibbs.

FORWARDS.

Smith, Batchelor, Peterick, Carmabe.

FORWARDS.

Thompson, Stockwell, Morrel, G. Stockwell.

Bruce, Beattie, C. Vyvyan, Rutherford.

Hulbert.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
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Exchange 2

S. S. Sutrang 10

Captain, Officers, & Engineers, s.s. *Monmouthshire* 100

E. W. R. 100

Jubilee Lodge of Instruction 5

C. B. 5

Military Contributions 25

Col. The O'Gorman 25

Major S. S. Long 25

Capt. H. H. W. Trefusis 50

Capt. E. G. Waymouth, R. G. Art. 10

Officers, Warrant & Non-com. Officers & men 25th Co., Eastern Div. 150

Officers, Warrant & Non-com. Officers & men 25th Co., South. Div. 100,50

Officers, Royal Engineers 155,50

Men, 25th Co., Royal Engineers 95

Officers, N.C. O. & Men, and Bn. 65

R. W. Fusiliers 66,70

Officers, Army Service Corps 20

Non-com. Officers 7

Civil Staff, Headquarter and Army Service Corps Estab. 46

Officers, Royal Army Medical Corps 40

Non-com. Officers & men, Army Ordnance Corps 23,60

Officers, Army Pay Department 40

Non-com. Officers 12,50

Officers, N.C. O. & men, No. 2 Co. 40

H. K. & S. Bn. R.A. 40

Officers, N.C. O. & men, No. 3 Co. 46

Officers, N.C. O. & men; No. 4 Co. 46,20

H. K. & S. Bn. R.A. 46

Officers, N.C. O. & men, No. 5 Co. 48,50

British Officers, Hongkong Regiment 120

Native Officers, Non-com. Officers & men Hongkong Regiment 300

CALENDARS, &c., RECEIVED.

From the *Oceania* Lithograph we have received a neat calendar for 1900 which, as a specimen of the work of this establishment will come as a surprise to many, as it is only during the last few months that lithography has been practised in Hongkong.

Messrs. F. Blackhead & Co. send us a tastefully got up date block for 1900 and from the fact of its being printed in German it will be found most useful for our readers of that nationality.

THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 21st instant 1,479

Do. do. during past 24 hours 1

Total 1,480

Deaths reported to 21st instant 1,421

Do. do. during past 24 hours 1

Total 1,422

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain, A. J. Robson, of the steamship *Huiling*, from Swatow, reports:—Moderate easterly wind and sea, fine cloudy weather. Steamers in Swatow—*Lokang*, *Esang* and *Kyellin*.

THE "BONAVVENTURE" AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The officers and men of the *Bonaventure*, now at Shanghai, have been doing good work for the Widows and Orphans Fund, having by means of a minstrel and variety show, swelled the Shanghai contribution by no less than \$1,500 which amount was realized by the sale of tickets. The Shanghai public wished to have the show repeated, but, unfortunately, this could not be arranged. The following account is taken from the *China Gazette*:

The minstrel and variety entertainment given by the officers and men of H.M.S. *Bonaventure* in aid of the Patriotic Fund at the Lyceum last night was without question one of the best of its kind ever produced in Shanghai. The house is hardly necessary to say, was filled to overflowing, every available space being taken up by interested spectators, and the applause throughout the evening was unstinted and well deserved. With a punctuality that is not often followed in Shanghai, the curtain rose, disclosing the black & white circle usual in minstrel shows, but on this occasion there was a pyramid of seamens in summer uniform, who acted, as background and added to the effect, as well as to the strength of the various choruses. Opening with a rousing chorus, which served to put the audience in touch with the performers, song after song was most vociferously applauded, the gallery gods being heard to much advantage in this. The singing was excellent, while the quips and jokes bandied about between Master Johnson, Jones and Tambourine helped to fill in the gaps between the songs. After an interval of ten minutes, Lieut. Lees, R. M. L. I., dressed as a tramp, and with his collapsible bicycle in a bag slung across his shoulders, made his appearance. After some ludicrous clowning to carry out the character he had assumed, Lieut. Lees commenced his performance, and we do not think we are saying too much when we assert that some tricks which were considered well-nigh impossible on a bicycle were performed by him with consummate ease. As his performance has been fully described—with illustrations in *Harmworth's Magazine*, we will not attempt to particularize. Suffice it to say that riding with his back to the handle bars and pedalling forward; lying prone on the seat and pedalling with his hands; and standing upright on the saddle and balancing were not the most difficult of his achievements. The difficulty of the feats will appeal to cyclists and open to them a vista for practice which will no doubt be locally availed of. The remainder of the programme consisted of songs, in character, and dances which kept the house in good humour, the efforts of the various performers to carry them out being extremely good. A

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(December 22nd.)

Companies.	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
Banks.		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 25	340 1/2 premium
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Preference)	£ 5	Nominal
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Ordinary)	£ 4	£1 buyers
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Deferred)	£ 1	£5.5 buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd., Do. Founders	£ 8	£29 sellers
Marine Insurances.		
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	\$ 50	£335
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.	£ 25	£58
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	£ 25	Tls. 190
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ed.	\$ 60	£110
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	£ 50	£330
Straits Ins. Co., Ltd.	£ 20	£24
Fire Insurances.		
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	£327 buyers
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	£ 20	£88 sellers
Shipping.		
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited	\$ 15	£301 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	£ 10	£824
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	£ 50	£90
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.—(Pref.)	\$ 50	£63 sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(O'Farrell)	£ 10	£9.15 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Pary)	£ 5	£4.15 sellers
Star Ferry Co., Ltd.	£ 100	£240
Refineries.		
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	£120
Luzon Sugar-Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	£474
Mining.		
Punjum Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	£71
Punjum Mining Preference Shares	£ 1	£1.30
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Frs. 250	£320
Queen Mines, Ltd.	25 cts	£0.40
Elebun Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.	£ 5	£124 buyers
Raub Alum Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 5.10d	£614 buyers
Olivers' Freehold Mines, Ltd.	£ 5	£39
Olivers' Freehold Mines, Ltd.	£ 4	£6 buyers
Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.—(Do. Preference)	£ 5	£0.70
Docks, Wharves and Godowns.	£ 1	£0.30
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	£ 125	£25 1/2 sales and
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	£ 50	£87 sellers
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd.	£ 37	£345 buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	£ 6	£212 sales
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.	£ 10	£9.35 sales
China Prudent Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	£ 50	£1.16
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	£ 30	£29 sales
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	£ 50	£34 sales
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	£ 50	£119 buyers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	£ 10	£9.24 sellers
Cotton Mills.	£ 10	£119 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	£ 100	£58
Two Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 55
International Cotton Mfg. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 65
Lacou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 72
Soy Chue Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 375
Vahlung Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 58
Miscellaneous.		
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	£ 10	£16 buyers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—(A. S. Watson & Co., Limited)	£ 15	£15 sales and [buyers]
Watkins, Limited	£ 10	£1.75
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	£ 10	£10
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	£ 2	£2
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	£1.30
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	£ 25	£45 buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	£ 25	£25 sales
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	£ 100	£15 buyers
Hongkong High Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	£ 100	£155 buyers
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	£ 6	£84 ex div.
Hongkong and China Bakery Co., Ltd.	£ 50	£25
Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd.	£ 10	£13 buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£ 1	£1 nominal
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	£ 4	£3
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	£ 10	£10
Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.	£ 2	£8
Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.	£ 5	£5
Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.	£ 4	£4
EXCHANGE.		
Hongkong, 22nd December.		
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer, 1/11/5/16		
Bank Bills, on demand 1/11/7/16		
Credits, 1 months' sight 2/1/16		
ON BERLIN, (demand) M. 200		
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 2/4/16		
Credits, 1 months' sight 2/5/16		
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 4/7/16		
Credits, 30 days' sight 4/8/16		
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 1/14/16		
On demand 1/15/16		
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 7/1/16		
Private, 30 days' sight 7/2/16		
ON YOKOHAMA, T.L. 1/14/16 per cent. prem.		
Bank's buying rate 3/10/16		
Gold Leaf 100 tooch, per tael 53.70		
Bar Silver 27/16 Dollars 3/16/16		
3 per cent. prem.		
OPIUM QUOTATIONS.		
Hongkong, 22nd December.		
New Patna 917 1/2 per chest,		
New Benares 907 1/2 "		
New Malwa 890 per picul.		
Old Malwa 890 "		
Persian, paper tied 840/B50 "		
VESSELS IN PORT.		
Steamers.		
ARGEL, British steamer, 1,855, W. H. Gibson, 17th Dec.—Kuching 12th Dec., Coal.		
Mitsui Bussan Kaihatsu.		
ARIAKE MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,886, M. Yamamoto, 21st Dec.—Kuching 12th Dec., Coal.		
NORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,499, G. Sartorio, 21st Dec.—Bombay 2nd Dec., and Singapore 14th Dec.—Carloforte & Co.		
CHIVODA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,937, K. Yamamoto, 10th Dec.—Aspin Fumother 17th Dec., Hull.		
British, British cruiser, 1,770 tons, 6 guns, 600 h.p., Capt. Wrey, Kwang-chow-wan.		
Daphne, sloop, 1,400 tons, 6 guns, 2,000 i.h.p., Comdr. C. Wilkinson-Ingram, Hankow.		
Aurora, British cruiser, 5,500 tons, Capt. E. H. Bayly, Manila.		
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Strauss, 1st class battleship, 13,000 tons, 14 guns, 13,163 h.p., Capt. Hon. S. C. Colville, C.B., Hongkong.		
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